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DEPARTMENT FOR EUR/CE AND SY
FRANKFURT FOR RTC AND FRBCO

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: COURIER SHIPMENT TO EMBASSY BERLIN

REF: BONN 20304.

1. WHILE WE HAVE NOT IDENTIFIED RELEVANT CABLE
TRAFFIC, WE UNDERSTAND SECURE-ROOM EQUIPMENT FOR
EMBASSY BERLIN IS TO ARRIVE IN BREMERHAVEN BY SHIP
ON DECEMBER 16 AND IS TO BE FOWARDED TO BERLIN
BY TRUCK, ACCOMPANIED BY DIPLOMATIC COURIER FROM
FRANKFURT.

2. WE HAVE DEFERRED ACTION ON REQUEST FROM FRANKFURT
REGIONAL COURIER OFFICE TO OBTAIN A GDR VISA FOR THE
COURIER, AS IN EMBASSY'S VIEW THE TRUCK SHOULD PROCEED
TO BERLIN VIA HELMSTEDT AND THE ACCESS ROUTE, NOT
UNDER GDR CONTROLS.

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3. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY BONN HAS A TRUCK WHICH COULD BE

USED FOR THE SHIPMENT, WE HAVE ONLY GERMAN-NATIONAL DRIVERS WHO WOULD BE UNABLE TO OBTAIN FLAG ORDERS TO USE THE ACCESS ROUTE. FOR THAT REASON, WE BELIEVE SAFEST METHOD WOULD BE TO TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT IN A US ARMY TRUCK WITH A US ARMY DRIVER, IF THIS COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FROM USCOB.

4. DIPLOMATIC COURIER WITH FLAG ORDERS WOULD MEET TRUCK IN BREMERHAVEN FOR TRIP TO BERLIN AND WOULD HAVE NO NEED FOR GDR VISA, ASSUMING HE REMAINED OVERNIGHT IN WEST BERLIN RATHER THAN EAST BERLIN.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: COMMENTS FROM EMBASSY BERLIN AND MISSION BERLIN AS TO SUGGESTED ROUTING AND POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING A TRUCK FROM USCOB, AND GUIDANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT.
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